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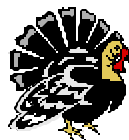
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## NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

### DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS



The market tone on frozen retail sized turkeys was about steady, fresh retail sized turkeys were steady. Offerings of fresh and frozen turkeys were short for prompt shipments, light to adequate for December shipments. Retail feature activity on turkey items was up 300 percent from the previous week. Ads for whole turkeys doubled from the previous week and ad prices trended lightly lower. In the Eastern region, fresh hens ranged from .50 to 1.79, fresh toms .50 to 1.69; frozen hens and toms .19 to 1.29. Central region fresh hens and toms ranged .59 to 1.69; frozen hens and toms ranged .29 to 1.39. Western region fresh hens and toms were .89 to 1.69; frozen .19 to 1.39. Feature activity for whole bone-in breast, including rotisserie, was up over 600 percent from the previous week.

### EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

No activity reported

**WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS**, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **NOVEMBER 25, 2005**

#### CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/

	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	84-89	89	89.00	30	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	83-88	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	84-88	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	84-85	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	83-85	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	84-85	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

#### FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/

#### OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days. 3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting. 6/ Includes product committed for pricing during the previous 24 hours but shipment in more than 14 days from date of commitment. 7/ Includes product committed during previous 24 hours at prices to be determined at later date.

**WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS**, FROZEN CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

WEEK OF NOV. 25, 2005	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	85.22	84.00	75.00
CENTRAL REGION	84.38	86.75	78.00
WESTERN REGION	86.00 **	87.67	79.50 **
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	84.00	83.00	70.00
CENTRAL REGION	82.95	84.00 **	74.00
WESTERN REGION	84.50 **	85.00	74.50 **

\*\*BASED ON OFFERS

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY,  
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	88-96
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	88-96
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	83-91
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	83-88
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	83-90

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY  
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	110-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	108-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	105-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	105-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	105-139

**FRESH TURKEYS U.S. GRADE A, DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS,  
(prices reflect turkeys with timers), WEEK OF 28-NOV-2005**

Price (cents/lb.)                      Volume (lbs.)

**PRICED AT TIME OF SALE**

8-16 lbs.	95.15	100,000
16-24 lbs.		

**PRICE TO BE DETERMINED**

8-16 lbs.	—
16-24 lbs.	—

Total Volume: 100,000

**TURKEY MOVEMENT TREND (IN THOUSAND POUNDS)  
SLAUGHTER-CERTIFIED RTC TURKEYS**

OCTOBER	449,318*
NOVEMBER 1-19, 2005	321,400*
To date 2005	4,646,622*
To date 2004	4,539,606*

\* PRELIMINARY

**NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS**

Week ending 19-NOV-05

(Preliminary)

	<u>—YOUNG TURKEYS—</u>			<u>—TOTAL TURKEYS—</u>		
	THOUSAND	PCT CHG	AVG	OLD BANDED	THOUSAND	AVG
	HEAD	PW	LIVE WT	THOUSAND	HEAD	LIVE WT
North East	918	5	23.58	(A)	920	23.58
South Atlantic	694	20	30.86	(A)	696	30.86
North Central	2,188	-6	31.70	(A)	2,189	31.70
South Central	694	-35	19.15	(A)	695	19.15
West	536	-22	23.25	(A)	537	23.25
U.S. total	5,030(B)	-9	27.48	7	5,037	27.48
To-date						
2005	205,987(B)				202	206,189
To-date						
2004	202,342(B)				314	202,656

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 26,000; for the current year to date 1,144,000; for last year to date 2,396,000.

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED W/E 19-NOV-05**

	<u>YOUNG</u>		<u>YOUNG</u>	<u>OLD</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS		TURKEYS
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
Head	2,142	2,862	26	7	5,037
Avg Wt	16.23	35.89	26.52	36.79	27.48
Last week	2,847	2,677	20	0	5,544
Same wk yr ago	1,840	2,803	32	1	4,676
Avg Wt	15.80	35.98	24.37	29.87	27.96
To-date/2005	85,031	119,812	1,144	202	206,189
To-date/2004	81,098	118,848	2,396	314	202,656

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**NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT**, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 25 NOVEMBER 2005.

Market activity was slow due to the long holiday weekend. Trading centered on a fair volume fresh and frozen tom breast meat for post holiday processing needs. The market tone on tom bulk parts was steady at best. Demand was very light for the adequate availability of supplies.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	119.00		119.00	40	119.00	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/						
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/						
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		W	41.00	80	41.26	108
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH	42.00		42.00	9	42.00	9
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		W	42.00	20	41.71	28
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	46.00		46.00	9	46.71	56
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		W	46.00	20	45.88	68
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	47.00	12	43.52	92
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		F	119.00	40		
NECKS, TOM	46.00		46.00	9	46.58	48
NECKS, HEN		T	40.00	8	40.00	8
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	262.00		262.00	120	262.25	150
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	276.00		276.00	160	275.88	320
THIGH MEAT		W	99.00	1	99.00	1
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		W	100.18	44	100.18	44
BREAST TRIM MEAT		F	164.00	8		
SCAPULA MEAT		W	112.00	6	112.00	46
TENDERLOINS		F	215.00	4		
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		T	228.00	40	228.00	40
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		T	70.00	40	71.00	80
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH		W	246.58	86	246.89	146
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	19.35	114		
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/		W	22.09	222	21.80	302
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		W	42.00	120	42.60	302
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM						
TAILS						
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/						
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		W	100.00	80	100.00	80

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.):

M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted.

3/ Boneless and skinless without tenderloins.

4/ 15-20% fat with skin added.